

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/628,393

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment dated 2/24/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-3 and 5-6; (renumbered 1-4).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Amendment dated February 24, 2006 in response to USPTO Office Action dated November 30, 2005.

The cancellation of claims 1, 4 and 7; and the amendments to claims 2 and 3 are sufficient to place the application in a condition for allowance as set forth hereinbelow.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-3 and 5-6 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 2, the major difference between the teachings of the prior art of record (USP 5,772,299, Koo et al, ; USP 5,216,493, DiBella et al. and USP 4,754,321, Srivastava) and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a color correction circuit wherein the first adjunction module comprises a first conversion module that converts the second color signal from a signal expressed in a 2.2th power signal space into a signal expressed in a 1st power signal space; a first adder module that adds at least the first offset output from the offset output module to the converted second color signal; and a first reverse conversion module that reversely converts the second color signal after the addition from a signal expressed in the 1st power signal space into a signal expressed in the 2.2th power signal space.

Regarding claim 3, the major difference between the teachings of the said prior art of record and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach**

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a color correction circuit comprising: a first slope output module that outputs a slope of a tangent to a 2.2th power curve according to atone value of the second color signal; a first multiplier module that multiplies at least the first offset output from the offset output module by the slope output from the first slope output module; and a first adder module that adds the multiplied first offset to the second color signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No.	5,548,331	Kawahara et al.
U. S. Patent No.	5,038,216	Easterly et al.
U. S. Patent No.	4,945,406	Cok
U. S. Patent No.	4,878,756	Stauffer
Pub. No. US	2002/0044147	Martin

To Respond

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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